CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 16, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Code Compliance Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Senior Civil Engineer Eric Riddiough, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Interim Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PROCLAMATIONS
There were no proclamations during this portion of the meeting.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comment was received from Tensie Hernandez, Dennis Apel, Andrew Oman, Rebeca Garcia, and Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt (representing Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP), in support of a resident's proposal to remove the flagship Santa Maria as the official logo of the City.

Carol Simas, Glenn Elliot, George Johnston, Deborah Johnson, Hunter Jameson, Dottie Lyons, and Kathy Crow, wrote in support of keeping the flagship Santa Maria as the City's Official Logo.

Staff also received one phone call from Tammy Rabska against changing the City's logo.

Scott Fina and Dennis Apel spoke in support of changing the City's logo.

Emily Ramey spoke about homeowners, businesses, and ways to save money.

City Manager Stilwell commented that the City's logo was not on an agenda for Council's consideration, but had been brought forward through written correspondence earlier in the week.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-19, 2021-20, 2021-21, and 2021-22. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Councilmember Soto requested that Item 3I (Pickleball rental fees at Hagerman Sports Complex) be pulled and then asked if the fees might hinder people from playing pickleball at the facility.

Director of Recreation & Parks Posada indicated that staff had researched fees in surrounding cities and the fee would be reasonable at about $5.00 per court for up to four people.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 2, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution:
1) Affirming the City's Performance-Based Pay Program (PBP) by rescinding Resolution 2016-42 and replacing it with a Resolution authorizing the implementation of the PBP in accordance with the Alignment Project competency-based employee performance management system; and

2) Authorizing the processing of the FY 2020-21 performance-based pay for City Council-appointed Executive Managers.

Action: Performance-based pay program approved in accordance with the Alignment Project.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-19. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution declaring and confirming that dangerous weeds growing, and rubbish, refuse and dirt collected upon or in front of properties constitutes a public nuisance which must be abated; and commencing proceedings for the abatement of these nuisances pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.

Action: 2021 Weed Abatement Program approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-20. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Receive the 2020 General Plan Annual Report and direct the Chief Deputy City Clerk to file the report with the Governor's Office of Planning & Research and the State Housing & Community Development Department.

Action: Report received and will be filed with the appropriate agencies.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Report received and to be mailed to respective agencies. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Action: Claim for TDA to be filed with SBCAG.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-21. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution approving and setting the rental use fees for the new Pickleball courts located within the Hagerman Sports Complex.

Action: Rental fees for pickleball at Hagerman Sports Complex approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-22. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **MEASURE "A" FIVE-YEAR LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS.** The City Council considered approving the Measure "A" Five-Year Local Program of Projects for fiscal years 2021 through 2026. Director of Public Works McCune and Principal Civil Engineer Riddiough gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Measure "A" Five-Year Local Program of Projects for fiscal years 2021/2022 through 2025/2026; and certifying that the City of Santa Maria

will provide sufficient funding in the 2021/2022 budget to meet the Measure "A" Maintenance of Effort requirement.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-23. 5-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION.** The City Council received a presentation unveiling the new "Santa Maria Japanese Community Center Honoring the First Generation Issei" at the City Park at Enos Ranch, 1851 S. Bradley; and then presented a Proclamation to the Santa Maria Japanese Community Center, Inc., recognizing the many contributions made to preserve and educate the residents of the City of Santa Maria and the Valley in the culture and traditions of the Japanese.

Director of Recreation & Parks Posada and Mayor Patino presented the item.

B. **DONATION FROM THE SANTA MARIA JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.** The City Council accepted a donation from the Santa Maria Japanese Community Center, Inc., for a community center being developed at the City Park at Enos Ranch. Director of Parks & Recreation Posada and Wes Koyama from the Japanese Community Center gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation from the Santa Maria Japanese Community Center, Inc., in the amount of $300,000, to be directed toward the construction of a new community center being developed at the City Park at Enos Ranch.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-24. 5-0.

C. **MEASURE U CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT.** The City Council received a presentation on the Measure U Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2020; and received and filed the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee 2019-2020 Annual Report. City Manager Stilwell and Measure U Committee Vice-Chair Jack Owen gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Measure U Annual Report ending June 30, 2020, received and filed.

D. **SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN.** The City Council considered the Short Range Transit Plan and minor adjustments to Route 8. Director of Public Works McCune, Senior Civil Engineer Riddiough, Consulting Transit Services Manager Susan Hafner and Consultant Kathy Chambers gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Transit Plan and minor adjustments to Route 8 approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-25. 5-0.

E. **ORDINANCE FOR MOBILE CARWASH.** The City Council considered an Ordinance regulating mobile commercial car wash businesses. City Attorney Watson and Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Written comment in support of the ordinance was received from Sherlyn Jordan, John Letters, Felicia Valle, and Steve Herring.

Chris Barajas commented that the ordinance would probably not have as significant an influence as expected on the environment.

Action: Introduce for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for the second reading and adoption, an Ordinance regulating mobile car washing for commercial purposes within the City by adding new Chapter 4-21 to Title 4 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code; with a 6-9 month review to see if any adjustments need to be made.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Mayor Patino.
Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2021-02 introduced, as amended. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Cordero.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the County of Santa Barbara had moved into the Red Tier with regard to COVID-19 restrictions which would allow more businesses to open with modifications. The next regular City Council meeting would be April 6, 2021. Items on the agenda would include the award of bid for the North Blosser Road Improvement Project; an agreement for Tesla charging stations at the Town Center; the CDBG allocations; and a General Plan Update.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero reported he did some volunteer work with the Santa Barbara Foundation and was involved in preparations for the annual Rodeo.

Councilmembers Soto and Waterfield had no AB1234 reportable items.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended a luncheon regarding the Future of Diablo Canyon.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a meeting with 3CE; an updated Santa Maria key leaders call; a State of Vandenberg Air Force Base update; an SB County Legislative briefing; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Board meeting; the Future of Diablo Canyon luncheon; the Mayor's Task Force Teen Academy meeting; a North County Subregional Meeting; and the Central Coast Coalition Sacramento Advocacy Day event.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.in memory of Chuck Hebard.

Approved at a regular meeting on April 6, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

4/13/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria